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## Pastor Grabs Women's Buttocks

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Goaso-based pastor and founder of the Holy Fire Pentecostal Church, Prophet Nana Sefa aka Ogya Nyame, is in the grips of the law for allegedly sexually assaulting female members of his church.

Several female congregants, including married women, were said to have suffered from all sorts of sexual abuses including rape at the hands of the 'Man of God'. Prophet Nana Sefa was also accused of touching women's buttocks, to the displeasure of their husbands.

Residents told Daily Guide that Ogya Nyame slept with women of the church under the pretext of providing them with spiritual assistance.

According to them, the situation had compelled some male members to leave the church, while others divorced their wives who had been cited in the scandals. Though the prophet denied the allegations, the case had been taken over by the Goaso Municipal Police Command where the prophet was currently on bail after being arrested and interrogated.

The boldness of some victims who reported their ordeal, was what exposed the prophet. Some of the victims were said to have reported their ordeals to their husbands, who in turn lodged official complaint at the Omanhene's palace.

According to the residents, the Omanhene of Goaso Traditional Area, Nana Kwasi Bosomprah I, on Monday March 1, summoned Ogya Nyame to appear before his council. The chief however called in the police due to the criminality involved.

A victim, Rebecca Kwao, 28, claimed Ogya Nyame proposed to her a few days after she lost her husband. She said after turning down the proposal, the prophet invited her to the mission house where he sexually assaulted her.

Monica Donkor, the wife of an elder of the church, was also allegedly a victim. She said Ogya Nyame nearly raped her after she went to his house to show him some strange rashes on her skin for spiritual intervention. According to her, the prophet asked her to show him the rashes on her body, including the buttocks.

She alleged that during the deliverance, Ogya Nyame grabbed her buttocks, removed his penis and attempted to penetrate her from behind which she loudly protested and left. Following these developments, some youth in the municipality stormed the church of the troubled prophet and vandalized almost everything on sight.

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